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SUBJECT: EEC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSIONER'S VISIT TO TANZANIA

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1. EUROPEAN ECONOMIC COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSIONER, CLAUDE CHEYSSON, VISITED TANZANIA MAY 22-24 TO REVIEW EEC AID PROGRAM. HE MET WITH PRESIDENT NYERERE AND OTHER TOP TANGOV OFFICIALS. IN DEPARTURE PRESS CONFERENCE, CHEYSSON REPORTEDLY SAID EEC ABHORRED PRESENT UNEQUAL INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC SYSTEM AND SUPPORTED CALL FOR NIEO, ADDING THAT THE STRUGGLE MUST BE COORDINATED. WHILE MINISTER OF FINANCE THANKED EEC FOR ASSISTANCE, MINISTER OF TRADE RULEGURA PUBLICLY CRITICIZED IMPLEMENTATION DELAYS IN PROMISED EEC AID, INSUFFICIENCY OF TRADE PROMOTION HELP AND SMALL SIZE OF STABILISATION FUND (STABEX). MINISTER CALLED FOR EXPANSION OF STABEX AND ITS LINKAGE TO COSTS OF PRODUCTION AND WORLD
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INFLATIONARY TRENDS.

2. BRIEFING EMOFF ON VISIT, EEC DELEGATION OFFICER DESCRIBED VISIT AS GREAT SUCCESS AND DEMONSTRATION OF EEC INTEREST IN SOCIALIST COUNTRIES. WHILE NOT INFORMED ON PRIVATE NYERERE-CHEYSSON MEETING, OFFICER ASSUMED SOUTHERN AFRICAN ISSUES WERE DISCUSSED. REPORTEDLY, CHEYSSON ALLEVIATED TANZANIAN CONCERNS

RE EEC PROPOSED FIVE NATION REGIONAL TRANSPORT SCHEME. TANZANIANS WERE TOLD THEY WOULD HAVE COMPLETE MANAGEMENT OF REGIONALLY-FUNDED PORT, RAIL AND ROAD INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS WITHIN THEIR COUNTRY AND WOULD NOT HAVE TO SIT WITH ZAIRE IN THE PLANNING OR ORGANIZATION. MEANWHILE, PREPARATION FOR CONSTRUCTION OF ROAD LINKING RWANDA TO TANZANIAN RAIL SYSTEM GOING AHEAD. AFRICA DEV. BANK WILL FINANCE ONE-THIRD, EEC ONE-SIXTH, DENMARK POSSIBLY WILL FUND THE ONE-SIXTH PORTION EEC HAD HOPED USG WOULD PICK UP. CHEYSSON ENCOURAGED TANGOV TO APPROACH ARAB DONORS FOR REMAINING THIRD.

3. REPORTEDLY CHEYSSON URGED TANZANIANS TO START PREPARING FOR LOME II AND TO WORK TO STRENGTHEN ACP LEADERSHIP. HE WELCOMED TANZANIAN DECISION TO OPEN EMBASSY IN BRUSSELS AND POINTED OUT THAT TANZANIAN AMBASSADOR (WHO HAS NOT BEEN NAMED) WILL HAVE INFLUENTIAL POSITION IN INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ISSUES AND TRADE NEGOTIATIONS.

4. EEC HAS EARMARKED \$130 MILLION IN BILATERAL AID TO TANZANIA DURING 1976-1980. EMPHASIS IS ON INDUSTRY AND INFRASTRUCTURE. TANZANIA WILL RECEIVE ABOUT \$30 MILLION IN REGIONAL FUNDING IN ADDITION TO FOOD AID, STABEX AND OTHER EEC PROGRAMS. TRADE WITH EEC IN 1977 ACCOUNTED FOR NEARLY 50 PERCENT TANZANIA'S IMPORTS AND ITS EXPORTS.

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